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SUBJECT: CSCE STAGE III

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1. PURSUANT REFTTEL, CHARGE MCAULIFFE RAISED MATTER OF CSCE STAGE III AT PERMREPS LUNCH APRIL 30. HE RECALLED THAT COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN HAD ASKED ALLIES AT REINFORCED NAC IN MARCH TO BEGIN TO CONSIDER WHAT A "SATISFACTORY OUTCOME" FOR CSCE WOULD BE. ON APRIL 22, AMBASSADOR SHERER HAD ALLUDED TO SAME SUBJECT AND HAD SAID U.S. ASSUMED EACH ALLIED GOVERNMENT WAS REVIEWING QUESTION. USNATO WAS NOW INSTRUCTED TO RAISE ISSUE AGAIN IN NAC FOR DISCUSSION AMONG THE ALLIES LOOKING TOWARD A DECISION.

2. MCAULIFFE NOTED WELL-KNOWN SOVIET INTEREST IN CONVENING THIRD STAGE AT SUMMIT. (HE ADDED SOVIETS WERE THINKING OF A 2-3 DAY SESSION.) THE U.S. WISHES TO ASCERTAIN OFFICIAL ALLIED VIEWS TOWARD SUCH A CSCE SUMMIT MEETING, AND TO LEARN WHAT OUTCOME THE ALLIES JUDGE WOULD JUSTIFY SUCH A MEETING.

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3. IN U.S. VIEW, MOST ELEMENTS AND ISSUES FROM STAGE II ARE NOW KNOWN. IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENTS TO BEGIN TO MAKE JUDGEMENTS. THE U.S. WOULD CONSIDER IT EXTREMELY UNFORTUNATE IF A DISPUTE WERE TO ARISE AMONG THE ALLIES OVER THE

SUMMIT ISSUE IN THE FACE OF SPECIFIC SOVIET INITIATIVE
AND POSSIBLE PRESSURE.

4. MCAULIFFE REPORTED THAT IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN
GROMYKO, SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD SAID THE U.S. COULD NOT TAKE
ANY POSITION ON A STAGE III SUMMIT BEYOND WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN
SAID UNTIL IT HAD HELD FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ALLIES.
SECRETARY ALSO SAID THE U.S. BELIEVES THE 35 COUNTRIES AT CSCE
NEED TIME TO RESOLVE REMAINING ISSUE. U.S. THEREFORE CONSIDERED
STAGE II COULD NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE SCHEDULED U.S.-
SOVIET SUMMIT.

5. MCAULIFFE CONTINUED THAT U.S. BELIEVES THE ALLIES SHOULD ALSO
BEGIN TO DISCUSSION TIMING OF CSCE STAGE III. WASHINGTON DOES
NOT BELIEVE, AS SOVIETS PROPOSE, THAT STAGE III CAN BE COMPLETED
PRIOR TO U.S.-SOVIET SUMMIT. WE ASK DELEGATIONS TO SEEK
INSTRUCTED POSITIONS FROM CAPITALS FOR DISCUSSION IN NAC AT
AN EARLY DATE.

6. SYG LUNS EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THIS U.S. INITIATIVE, SAYING
HE THOUGHT IT TIMELY. NETHERLANDS PERMREP HARTOGH SAID HE WAS
CERTAIN HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD WELCOME SERIOUS ALLIED
CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER.
MCAULIFFE

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